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Description

USDA-Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Hood Canal Ranger District Notice of 30-day Comment on Environmental Assessment, Dungeness Watershed Roads Management Project Request for Comment: The Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Dungeness Watershed Roads Management Project is now available for an additional 30-day comment period to allow more time for public comments. The EA proposes road decommissioning and closure treatments to improve watershed conditions. Treatments may include: removal of culverts and unstable side-cast material, decompaction of road surfaces, recontouring the hillslope profile, creating crossdrains and swales, blocking vehicular access by constructing berms, and reestablishing native vegetation. The project area is located on the Hood Canal Ranger District just south of Sequim, WA, Clallam County, in the Dungeness River Watershed. The Preliminary EA and associated maps are available for review and comment at the project website (hard copies are available upon request): http://www.fs.usda.gov/project?project=49643 This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely written comments during a public comment period may file an objection. Comments received must contain the requirements listed at 36 CFR 218.5(a)(3) to establish standing for objections. Specific written comments as defined by 36 CFR 218.2 should be within the scope of the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Comments received in response to this solicitation including names and addresses of those who comment will be part of the public record for this project. The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following the publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice which is the exclusive means of calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25). Electronic comments should be submitted at the project website listed above. Under the "Get Connected" group to the right click on the "Comment/Object on Project" link and follow on-screen instructions for submitting comments. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. Electronic comments must be submitted in a common format such as plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf) or Microsoft Word .doc or .docx). Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Responsible Official, Hood Canal District Ranger Yewah Lau, c/o Dana Butler, Olympic National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd, SW, Olympia, WA 98512. Comments can be faxed to 360-956-2330. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If you have any questions regarding the details of this proposal, please contact the project lead, Dana Butler, at 360-956-2280 or danabutler@fs.fed.us. Pub: August 2, 2018 Legal No: 819378 Printer Friendly

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